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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS DISCUSS NPT REVIEW WITH UNDER
SECRETARY TAUSCHER

Classified By: Ambassador Margaret Scobey per 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (C) Key Points: -- During a December 3 meeting, Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security Ellen Tauscher and Foreign Mini
2. (C) Under Secretary Tauscher said the U.S. wanted to cooperate with Egypt to ensure a successful NPT review conference. Aboul Gheit welcome
3. (C) While concerned about Iran, Aboul Gheit said he could not put pressure on Iran and put aside his concerns about Israel. Egypt would cont
4. (C) Tauscher noted that close U.S.- Egyptian cooperation during the NPT revcon would better serve both countries' interests. Aboul Gheit ther
5. (C) Aboul Gheit agreed that a nuclear Iran or Syria would be "disastrous." Aboul Gheit reiterated Egypt's willingness to work with the U.S.
6. (S/NF) Tauscher and the delegation also briefed Aboul Gheit on the latest information regarding Syria's nuclear program and its continued r
7. (C) During a subsequent meeting with Deputy Assistant Minister for Disarmament Khalid Shamaa, Tauscher reiterated U.S. support for the 1995
8. (C) Shamaa believed that a greater focus should be placed on ensuring equal security for all countries, adding that many states would not s
9. (C) During a separate meeting with Arab League Secretary General Amre Moussa, Tauscher looked forward to greater cooperation with the Arab
10. (C) Scheinman briefed Moussa on overall U.S. goals for the NPT revcon. Arab League Director of Multilateral Affairs Wael al-Assad believed
11. (U) This message was cleared by U/S Tauscher. Scobey